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(54) **Object management system and method**

(57) An object management system (10) that includes at least one object identification device (12) to be secured to an associated object (14). The object identification devices provide radio frequency signals containing object identification codes. The system includes at least one user identification device (16) providing a radio frequency signal containing a user identification code and a control unit (18) having a reader (20) for receiving and reading the signals provided by the user identification

devices and the object identification devices. One aspect provides a remote unit that communicates directly with the control unit to receive information associated with a condition of the object management system at a location remote from the control unit. The remote unit is further configured to be carried by a user and configured to communicate information and/or an alert to the user, wherein the information and/or the alert is associated with the condition of the object management system.

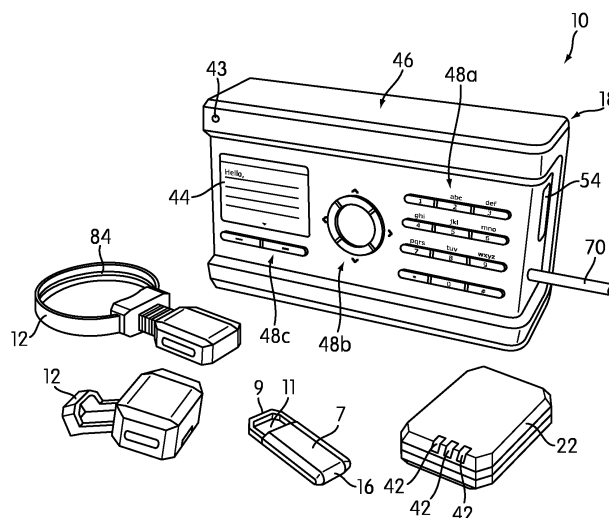


FIG. 1



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